

Spitting Upon the Beautiful...

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Thank you Cassius... I suppose at face value this is indeed a failure, but I see it as a rare species of victory. Long ago struck covenants made in the darkness of poor reason, blindness and rejection of the self and other states of poor reasoning are doomed to either pain or dissolution, or both. To let go of them, to let them flow as they may is a liberation; plucking the softness and surrendering the bitter. I see much of my life as having made many, many smaller failures of philosophy, self-forgetting and self-denying in the name of some supposed greater victory of virtue and now I have finally made a course correction even in a much later hour due to finding true philosophy and right practice. Now, I am finding all desires and all sensations are pursuing creative and discerning fulfillment without the weight of maintaining a virtuous form even if we tried to make it as light as feather. I am writing, reciting, teaching and reading poetry - engaging with beauty for the first time since primary school. Clarity and love abound in the soul for we humans. Practical philosophy of aesthetics and pursuit of beautiful action are let loose, and loving and admiring people in novel, consensual and discerning ways are cropping up... rare forms of friendship and intimacy are in bloom and even desires repressed are being driven towards delicacy and new and exotic virtuous forms.

Verily, all Virtue rests and is built on the foundation of Hēdonē.